

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first full paragraph starting on p. 16 (i.e., the paragraph starting with "In the recognition mode,") and ending on p. 17, with the following paragraph, amended as indicated therein:

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In the recognition mode, the kind and contents of an inputted sound signal [is] are recognized. When the recognition mode is selected, a sound signal inputted through the microphone 10 is converted by the A/D converter 20 into a digital signal. The frequency analyzer 30 develops the digital sound signal into a frequency spectrum by means of FFT for example, and analyzes the frequency spectrum to extract a sound pattern. The controller 40 compares the extracted sound pattern with the sound patterns stored in the characteristic data memory block 51 to identify one sound ~~pattern that~~ pattern that has the closest similarity. Then, the controller 40 reads the announcement information associated with the recognized sound pattern from the information memory block 52, and sends this information to the information transmitter/receiver 70. The announcement information is converted by the information transmitter/receiver 70 into a radio signal, which is sent to the information transmitter/receiver 80 of the separate remote terminal.

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